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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 55 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-54 and 56-65 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1-54 and 61-65 are objected to because of the following informalities: the claims are rather confusingly worded . Claims 1 and 22 recite “and/or” which is indefinite. 61 confusingly recites “A circuit comprising at least on folding cell of one of the claims 1 to 20”. Appropriate correction is required.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 55 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hariharan et al.

Hariharan et al disclose in the FIG. 1 embodiment, a Q.sub.2 pulse closes switches 22, 34 and a sample "n" of the input waveform **at terminal 20 is taken across capacitor 26 where it is held.**

Claim 55 recites "a current sample-and-hold or track-and-hold circuit, wherein an input current is injected into a terminal of a component or circuit to convert the input current to a voltage so that this voltage can be stored on a storage capacitor, and where the input current is transferred to another terminal of this component or circuit from where it is made available for further use".

Hariharan et al disclose (1/3)^T later a Q.sub.3 pulse closes switch 52 setting amplifier output 44 to zero. (1/3)^T later a pulse Q.sub.1 closes switches

28, 36 and the sample "n" held on capacitor 26 for $(2/3)T$ appears at output 44 of amplifier 40 and is held on capacitor 46 until $(1/3)T$ later when the next Q.sub.2 pulse closes switch 54 and the sample "n" appears at output 62 of sample and hold amplifier 64 and at the same time closes switches 22, 34 where a sample "n+1" of the input wave form at terminal 20 is taken. Sample "n" is time delayed by a period T between terminals 20 and 64. Sample "n+1", and succeeding samples, are likewise time delayed by a period T.


3. Claims 56-60 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 1-54 and 62-65, if amended to correct the minor informalities noted above, are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Young whose telephone number is 571-272-1816. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Tokar can be reached on 571-272-1812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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